

TOWN ASSEMBLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 1993 AT THE GILD HALL ARDEN

THOSE PRESENT:

Russ McKinney	Marjorie Mabrey	Rebecca Fisher
Leon Tanzer	Elizabeth Varley	Marianne Cinaglia
Peggy Aumack	Lew Aumack	Rae Gerstine
Richard Bloom	Lou Bean	Bill Press
Hugh Roberts	Sharon Kleban	Don Holcomb
Gail Rinehart	Barbara Fenske	Shaul Gladstone
Betty Knott	Skip Salkeld	Dan Szurgyjlo
Connie McKinney	June Kleban	Rep. Wayne Smith nv
Peter Renzetti	Aaron Hamburger	Sally Hamburger
Lee Starr	Jean Brachman	Bernard Brachman
Tim Colgan	Jannie Stearns	Eugene Shaw
Pat Liberman	Mark Taylor	Sadie Somerville
Debby Downes nv	Teri Tremel	Helen Macklem
Wayne Knotts	Frank Akutowicz	Cy Liberman
Larry Strange nv	Sue Hornung	Bunnie Hurlong
Ruth Bean	Brooke Bovard nv	Steven Threefoot
Eliot Levin nv	Ruth Panella	Carl Falco
John Demsey	Tom Colgan	Maryanne van Neerden
Larry Walker	Chris Demsey	Edward Rohrbach
Alan Burslem	A. Barnes King	Debbie Styles
Irene O'Connor		

Agenda Clarification: none

Approval of June Town Minutes: approved

Communications: Letter from The Board of Water and Light Commissioners regarding the Cable and Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act. A meeting to discuss basic service tier rates within organized communities will take place and we will be informed of any new developments.

A moment of silence was then held for another two dear friends of Arden who recently died, Temma Tanzer and Ethel Monfort, they will be sadly missed from our community.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Shaul Gladstone

- The Village taxes will be paid on September 29, 1993. The total of \$154,211.65 includes \$8,683.75 for 25 senior citizen rebates and \$621.63 for arrearages. The actual tax breakdown was:

County Property	\$ 50,245.50
School	103,344.52
Arrearages	621.63
	<u>\$ 154,211.65</u>

2. All senior citizens who may qualify for New Castle County tax rebates are urged to file the necessary affidavits with the County Finance Department. Remember that the criterion for eligibility is not total income, but income declarable on your federal tax return.
3. The total assessed value of Arden is now a record \$13,813,500, excluding the non-taxed roads, commons, and forests. The total school and county tax rate applied against this is \$1,11188 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
4. An estimate for administrative expenses in the amount of \$20,500 has been presented to the budget committee for inclusion in the 1994-5 budget. \$8,376 is for staff salaries, while the remainder includes office rent, payroll taxes, auditing fees, legal fees, insurance, and \$124 for miscellaneous expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Arden

Report accepted

(attached to these minutes are copies of letters sent to the Registration Committee and the residents regarding the then selected Trustee-Designate, which should have been attached to the June Town Assembly minutes.)

ADVISORY: Marianne Cinaglia

1. The Legislative Reference Committee will nominate a replacement for a retiring member during its report.
2. Advisory Committee meeting will take place on November 1, 1993 at 7:30 PM at the BWVC, to discuss issues of general concern.
3. I do not plan to run for Advisory Committee Chairperson in the March standing committee elections.

Report accepted

ASSESSORS: Aaron Hamburger

Nominations were taken from the floor for the Board of Assessors to be elected in the November referendum.

Nominees were:

Aaron Hamburger	Cy Liberman	Peter Renzetti
Eugene Shaw	Bernie Brachman	Carl Falco
Hugh Roberts	Steven Threefoot	Lew Aumack
Tom Colgan	Chris Demsey	Teri Tremel
Lou Bean.		

The nominations were then closed, the Registration Committee will be mailing the referendum and Budget out to all residents.

Report accepted

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Larry Walker

The Budget Committee presented its proposed 1994-1995 Budget for discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Welcome Hither Committee as a separate line item in the Budget for \$250.

This motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Community Planning's budget raised to \$700 for the cost of mapping the Memorial Garden.

This motion was approved.

Report accepted

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Teri Tremel

REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PAGE 2 - THE THREE FUNDS' BALANCE SHEETS

GENERAL

ASSETS

\$100,000 invested in CD

Purchased 150 shares of Arden Building and Loan Association

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Rents received in advance decreased by 2%

Fund balance decreased by 17% - an intentional decrease

MUNICIPAL STREET AID

CASH AND FUND BALANCE

Increased by 46%

VILLAGE CENTER

ASSETS

Cash increased by 178%

Investments stayed the same

LIABILITIES

Due to General Fund - increased by 106%

PAGES 3, 4 & 5 - CAN ONLY COMPARE TOTALS

PAGE 3 - SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

PUBLIC SUPPORT

Increased by 28%

OTHER REVENUE

Land rentals increased by 2%

Interest decreased by 41% - due to decrease in interest rates

and no interest receivable posted for CD

EXPENSES

Detailed on pages 4 & 5

DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

Decreased by 53%

PAGES 4 & 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

GENERAL

ROAD EXPENSE

Although decreased by 9%, this is over-budget by \$7,000,
due to monies received from State through state representative
(see suggestions for next year)

COMMONS AND FORESTS

Decreased by 19%

ARCHIVES

None for this year

TOTAL EXPENSES

Decreased by 3%

MUNICIPAL STREET AID

ROAD EXPENSE

Decreased by 17%

TOTAL EXPENSES

Decreased by 13% - mostly due to decrease in road expense

VILLAGE CENTER

MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES

Decreased by 49%

TOTAL EXPENSES

Decreased by 22%

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

Addition for Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

"These entities are non-profit organizations as defined by
Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as such
are exempt from Federal income taxes.

When the Montessori School payments stop, include the Village
Center Fund in with the General Fund.

When a situation occurs like the General Fund road expense, which
makes a line item significantly over-budget, there should be
a note explaining the situation.

PAGES 2,3,4 & 5 OF MARCH 25, 1993 AND 1992 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY TERI TREMEL - SEPTEMBER 27, 1993

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN AND VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
MARCH 25, 1993 AND 1992

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN
GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	1993	1992	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	1993	1992
Cash - insured money market					
Cash - certificate of deposit	\$ 109,068	\$ 246,620	Accrued liability for trash collection	\$ 2,504	\$ 2,504
Investments	100,000	-	Payroll taxes payable	887	40
Other receivables	40,000	25,000	Rents received in advance	164,440	167,799
	<u>7,037</u>	<u>5,600</u>	Fund balance - Undesignated - available		
Total	\$ 256,105	\$ 277,220	for general activities	88,274	106,877
			Total	\$ 256,105	\$ 277,220

VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.
MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND

Cash	\$ 10,310	\$ 7,086	Fund balance	\$ 10,310	\$ 7,086
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VILLAGE CENTER FUND

Cash	\$ 3,633	\$ 1,306	Due to General Fund - payroll taxes	\$ 2,586	\$ 1,254
Investments	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	withheld and payable	<u>1,447</u>	<u>452</u>
			Fund balance		
Total	\$ 4,033	\$ 1,706	Total	\$ 4,033	\$ 1,706

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN AND VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.
STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 25, 1993 AND 1992

1993

	Trustees of Arden	Village of Arden, Inc.		1992
	General Fund	Municipal Street Aid Fund	Village Center Fund	Total All Funds
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Public Support				
Received indirectly from				
Allotment - State of Delaware	\$ 3,899	\$ 12,932	\$ -	\$ 13,115
Other Revenue				
Land rentals	\$216,864	\$ -	\$ -	\$213,341
Installment on sale of road's right of way	2,842	-	-	2,865
Investment income	7,291	-	31	12,488
Maintenance payments - Wilmington	-	-	-	-
Montessori Association	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income	4,180	-	9,564	9,296
Total Other Revenue	\$231,177	\$ -	1,165	3,188
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$235,076	\$ 12,932	\$ 10,760	\$241,178
EXPENSES				
General	\$ 84,583	\$ 9,708	\$ 9,765	\$116,060
Property taxes	148,041	-	-	146,262
Administrative	21,055	-	-	22,708
Total Expenses	\$253,679	\$ 9,708	\$ 9,765	\$285,030
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (18,603)	\$ 3,224	\$ 995	\$ (30,737)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	106,877	7,086	452	145,152
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR (Page 2)	\$ 88,274	\$ 10,310	\$ 1,447	\$ 114,415

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TRUSTEES OF ARDEN AND VILLAGE OF ARDEN, INC.
 STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 25, 1993 AND 1992

	1993					
	Budget - General Expenses	General Expenses	Property Taxes	Administrative Expenses	Total	1992
GENERAL FUND						
Road expense	\$ 16,000	\$ 23,638	\$ -	\$ -	23,638	\$ 25,926
Commons and forests	13,000	12,541	-	-	12,541	15,571
Salaries - town	5,586	5,586	-	-	5,586	5,320
Playground committee expense	1,000	947	-	-	947	2,073
Registration committee expense	2,000	2,082	-	-	2,082	2,203
Civic committee reserve	7,000	-	-	-	-	-
Community planning	100	20	-	-	20	1,580
Legislative reference	150	-	-	-	-	-
Rent - Gild Hall	550	550	-	-	550	550
Donation - Fire Companies	750	750	-	-	750	750
Donation - ACRA	500	500	-	-	500	500
Donation - Arden Library	300	300	-	-	300	300
Donation - Arden Page	300	300	-	-	300	300
Contingencies	1,000	240	-	-	240	757
Buzz Ware Village Center	3,200	3,200	-	-	3,200	2,336
Safety committee expense	1,800	1,919	-	-	1,919	2,206
Community trash collection	32,000	29,959	-	-	29,959	30,075
Special clean up	2,000	2,051	-	-	2,051	1,905
School, county and property taxes	-	-	148,041	-	148,041	146,262
Salary - Secretary and Assistant	-	-	-	7,590	7,590	7,224
Office rent	-	-	-	2,100	2,100	2,100
Auditing	-	-	-	3,050	3,050	2,690
Legal	-	-	-	120	120	-
Archives	-	-	-	-	-	3,395
Insurance	-	-	-	5,245	5,245	4,107
Payroll taxes	-	-	-	1,259	1,259	1,602
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1,691	1,691	1,590
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (Page 3)	<u>\$ 87,236</u>	<u>\$ 84,583</u>	<u>\$148,041</u>	<u>\$ 21,055</u>	<u>\$253,679</u>	<u>\$261,322</u>

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 STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 25, 1993 AND 1992

	1993				1992
	<u>General Expenses</u>	<u>Property Taxes</u>	<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	
MUNICIPAL STREET AID FUND					
To general fund - road					
right of way	\$ 2,842	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,842	\$ 2,865
Road expense	6,860	-	-	6,860	8,315
Bank charges	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Total (Page 3)	<u>\$ 9,708</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,708</u>	<u>\$ 11,180</u>
VILLAGE CENTER FUND					
Salary - custodian	\$ 6,780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,780	\$ 6,528
Maintenance and supplies	2,151	-	-	2,151	5,328
Payroll taxes	641	-	-	641	617
Bank charges	12	-	-	12	55
Miscellaneous	<u>181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>-</u>
Total (Page 3)	<u>\$ 9,765</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,765</u>	<u>\$ 12,528</u>

Report accepted

ARCHIVES: Sally Hamburger

The committee has resumed its regular Saturday morning work schedule, we plan to be open from 10 AM until noon. There is a never ending filing and organizing to done.

We made and sold buttons featuring old Arden photographs at the fair. This brought a minor financial gain and provided a major contact point for Ardenites past and present. The 1993 Arden Fair T-shirt design was an old photograph of musicians from the 1930's playing in the Moonlight Theater.

The Colgan Memorial Fund now amounts to a bit over \$1,000. We are exploring the purchase of an appropriate piece of art for Arden's collection.

Since one of Joan's pet projects was a historical marker for Arden, we are especially pleased that Rep. Wayne Smith was able to have money included in this year's State budget for one. The guidelines for the text specify 13 lines of 50 characters per line. The proposed text was developed by the committee with guidance from Cy Liberman and Lew Aumack.

Moved that the following text be approved by the Town Assembly of Arden to be used on a Delaware State Historic Marker:

Text:

Arden is an intentional community, founded in 1900 by social reformers: Frank Stephens, sculptor, and Will Price, architect, to create a society based on Henry George's Single Tax economics and William Morris's arts and crafts philosophy. Their ideas and land use plan live on in the 162-acre community, incorporated in 1967. All residential land is held in a trust. Leaseholders pay one property tax, land rent, determined by elected assessors, and own their homes. The town meeting government is a model of direct democracy. Forty-five percent of the land is greens, roads, pedestrian paths, two large forests. Art and crafts activities flourish here.

This motion was tabled until next Town Meeting.

Moved that the marker be placed on Harvey Road on the Sweep Green across from the Memorial Garden.

Our reasoning for placing the marker in this location is:

- * It should be readily visible to the public
- * It should be located at a spot where people can pull off the road to read it.
- * This location is near the Welcome Hither stile (the official entrance to Arden) but not at the dangerous bend in Harvey Rd.

This motion was seconded and approved

We recommend that the marker be dedicated on Arden Day - the Saturday closest to May 20. This has long been a significant day in Arden, someday we will even discover why.

Report accepted

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee Report for September 27, 1993 Arden Town Meeting

Our committee has several items to report tonight in regard to programming, Wilmington Montessori School, and long-term planning.

Programming

The yoga group continues to meet; however, they have rescheduled their sessions from Thursday to Monday evening. All residents are welcome to attend. Please bring a rug or quilt. Call Naomi Clark (-2608) for information.

By all reports, the ACRA Summer Program went well this summer. We had a few electrical problems—the stove and air conditioner would not work one day. We also had a chirping smoke detector battery that needed to be replaced. Otherwise, Rowena Austin and her capable staff and the ACRA Board did an outstanding job this summer.

I hope you have all seen the Arden Page with details of our fall programming. We are trying some new events and shifting some times to see what works best. Here is a short description of our upcoming events:

1. 3rd Annual Campfire and Songfest, co-sponsored with ACRA and the Arden Club, Friday Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moonlight Theater
2. Travelogue, China Impressions with Liz Broadbent, Marianne Cinaglia, and Sally and Aaron Hamburger, Saturday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m.
3. Game show with prizes for the best guesses, Halloween Revisited, old slides of your neighbors as ghosts and hamburgers, organized by Barbara Fenske, Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
4. Storytelling for adults, 2 programs, Horror Stories, read by Cecilia Vore and friends, Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Chelm Stories and More, told by Rebecca Fisher, Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m.
5. Holiday crafts, Weed Creatures, decorating with natural materials, organized by Ruth Bean, Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2–3:30 p.m.

All the above events, excepting the campfire, are held in room 4 at the BWVC and light refreshments will be served. We are charging 2.50 per adult at the door for storytelling. If you have any questions, please call Ruth Bean (-6140) or Barbara Fenske (-7469). We hope to see you there.

Wilmington Montessori School

Our committee has met this summer and early fall to negotiate with the WMS board and with Marie Dugan, Head of WMS, and to agree on terms for their early termination of our cooperative agreement. Today we received from WMS final written acceptance of the terms which we will attach to our report.

Therefore, our committee presents the following motion:

MOTION

That the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden agrees to the terms negotiated by the Buzz Ware Village Center Committee to allow the Wilmington Montessori School (WMS) to terminate our Cooperative Agreement before the July 1, 1996 expiration date.

The terms are:

1. **That WMS will pay to the BWVC Maintenance Fund a total of \$17,500 to "cash out" the Cooperative Agreement.**
2. **That the WMS payments will be made in four installments of \$4375 due the last day of the months of January, March, May and August, 1994.**
3. **That WMS will pay their current monthly rate up to, and including, December 1, 1993 which will allow their use of the BWVC until January 1, 1994.**
4. **That WMS will remove the modules and restore the site by July 1, 1994 according to the terms of our Cooperative Agreement (see section 14g).**

THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED AND APPROVED

For your information, section 14g of the Cooperative Agreement (May 1981), reads as follows:

"The Wilmington Montessori Association may, at its option, remove the new building from the site and the Agreement. If this option is exercised, Wilmington Montessori Association will be responsible for returning the site to its original condition or a condition desired by the Village at the time, as long as the expense is not greater."

Long-term planning

We have received an excellent preliminary report from our consulting committee. They contacted local organizations for information on these possible areas of use:

1. Arts and crafts classes and workshops, studio space, music school, craft organizations meetings
2. Daycare and afterschool
3. Town uses (office, meeting, archives/museum, etc.)

Their report mainly gives us areas to research in greater detail, such as using the Absalom Jones Community Center as a possible model for the BWVC or possibly contracting with local art or music schools for extension classes. We have not made any final decisions based on this report and, although we had hoped to do so, we do not have any proposal to bring to you at this town meeting. We have just finished negotiating with WMS and have not had sufficient time to devote to this. We still have many leads and ideas to research.

As part of our research, we are developing a survey form to determine the current level of interest and need for a daycare or preschool and in arts, crafts and/or music classes. We will be inserting the form in a future Arden Page; we hope that you will take the time to fill it out.

Many Arden residents have talked to us individually about their ideas and concerns about the BWVC and we encourage others to do so as well. We also want to hold a public meeting before we move along too far in the process. We have set a public meeting date for Monday, October 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the BWVC. We welcome you to this meeting and we hope that our consulting committee will be there also.

As to our current thinking on future uses, our committee has agreed that, with the exception of a possible town office or archives, that the use of the space be multi-purpose and that any new uses should not conflict with the ACRA Summer Program.

In regard to our current finances, according to our estimates and given the moderate use we anticipate, the amount we have negotiated as the "cash out" of the cooperative agreement should cover the cost of operating the BWVC for a year. We certainly hope that our committee will have a proposal for new uses for the BWVC before then. The point being, that the BWVC is not, and will not, be a financial burden to the town this year.

Current use

Since the last town meeting, there have been 16 meetings, ^{5 classes,} 1 special event, and the ACRA Summer Program from June 28 to July 30. The Archives continues to be open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. - noon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Connee Wright McKinney, Chairperson

Report accepted

CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 1993

A DOT grant of \$4000 has been awarded to Arden for a project related to roads. The committee favors another demonstration project of curbstone raising. We have selected the Green side of Cherry Lane between Millers Road and Inn Lane. This grant was awarded in mid-summer and we are not sure we can get it contracted for and done before winter sets in.

The Field Theater was resodded last week. We guess the grass died because of the fairly extreme weather conditions this summer. The chances of it taking are much better at this time of the year.

We received a refund of \$930 from the Federal Government for 75% of the plowing costs of the March 1993 snowstorm. Since this refund was for the fiscal year 1992-1993 the money goes to town funds. The total Civic Committee income in the last twelve months for this, for the damage to the green, and from donations for use of the Field Theater amounted to over \$1500.

Work has started on building three stone buttresses to stop the movement of the Grubb family plot inner wall. The footings have been dug and the concrete for them poured. The rest of the work will be carried out by volunteer labor. With a few good-weather weekends we can get it done before winter.

S. L. Bean

Report accepted

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Don HolcombOld Pool Site

A work day was held in August 15, and seven or eight people turned out to help clear the site - all of whom we would like to thank. We do have before and after photographs which residents may view at the reception table.

I have reprinted an old picture of the pool, to provide a reference to what the area looked like when it was actively used. We have removed weed bushes from the central of the area, and exposed the original edge of the pool and cleaned along the stone wall. At the next Town Meeting we anticipate having a site plan and a proposal for restoring the site.

Restoration of the old pool would be used for ice skating only. Pete Renzetti discussed the means how this could be accomplished. Russ pointed out that the access path must be wheelchair accessible. Peggy Aumack would like to have a glassed bulletin board at the site to show the photos of the site as it once was.

Soldier's Memorial

We were asked to provide input to the Playground and Civic Committees regarding which trees and shrubs should be removed to clean-up the Soldier's Memorial. Marjorie Mabrey and Russ McKinney toured the site and went over their recommendations with Bernie Brachman of the Civic Committee, which were that most of the plants to be removed were Norway maples and chokecherries.

Naaman's Creek Sewer Project

There is a meeting this evening, at which our contacts in Indian Field indicate that the engineers are now more inclined to go with a 15 ft. easement instead of a 50 ft. one. No actual construction is expected until after bids are put out in November.

Shakespeare Play-reading Group

There are sign-up sheets for this at the reception table for all those who are interested in participating in informal reading of Shakespeare's plays, beginning perhaps with "Much Ado About Nothing".

Memorial Garden Site Plan and Representative

As you all know the Committee and the Town lost its long-time Memorial Gardens representative when Ethel Monfort recently passed away. Jannie Stearns was Ethel's assistant, and for now anyone who needs to should contact Jannie at 475-7736. The Committee is responsible for appointing the Memorial Gardens Representative, and we are open for input on this decision. The committee is also in the process of having Ed Rohbach draw up a site plan of the Memorial Gardens. We are also interested in reconstructing the history of the Memorial Gardens and developing a computerized list of who is buried there and their relatives when appropriate. Move that
The committee will be contacting DENRAC before beginning any reconstruction of a dam at the old swimming pool site and report on this at January Town meeting.

Report accepted

WELCOME HITHER COMMITTEE: Jannie Stearns

We begin our report by offering our condolences to the family on the passing of Ethel Monfort. Her absence at our meetings and the loss of a dear friend's welcoming hand and hearty laugh leaves those who are here only to remember that each moment is precious and is meant to be shared with a loved one.

In July we were presented with beautiful parchment copies of the "Arden Child" poem and we would like to thank Connie McKinney for her gracious printing and presentation to our committee.

We delivered with a flower of appropriate colors, the Colgan twins, the 1st "New Born Welcome Hither" gifts.

Our committee has recently made and delivered five packets for new-comers.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11th at 7:30 PM at the BWVC.

Report accepted.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE COMMITTEE: Steve Threefoot for Tom Hornung

The committee met recently to discuss the document updating the descriptions of the various committees of Arden including the most recent changes in our committee and the Registration Committee. We agreed that we could have a supply of the new document available for this Town Assembly

We are preparing an Arden Reference manual which would contain the committee descriptions mentioned above, a listing of Town Ordinances, a copy of the Deed of Trust, a copy of "An Act to Reincorporate", and a section of the various Committees duties and procedures which would serve as a "how to" section for Arden residences both new and old.

This booklet, already largely complete, we agreed would be completed by the January Town Assembly with the only section incomplete at this time being the other committees input for the "how to" section. It was agreed that we would try to attend upcoming meetings of the other committees to describe what we are trying to accomplish and to elicit a prompt response so that we may complete our project in timely fashion.

Finally, committee member, Mary Irons, recently resigned for medical reasons and we have a nominee, John Stevenson, who has agreed to run as her replacement.

A vote was then taken for John Stevenson to replace Mary Irons term for one year from March. All in favor.

Report accepted

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Larry Walker for Mary Vernon and Beth Stevenson

During the past quarter, the required playground equipment inspections were made, and any necessary repairs were made. All of the equipment is in safe condition. The biggest problem facing the committee is finding a source for some of the worn parts for the swings. Most of the swing shackles are fifteen years old, and since manufacturers have changed designs in the intervening years, we are finding some of our equipment is considered obsolete when it comes to the availability of parts. In a way, the long life of most these parts is a tribute to the good selection of durable equipment by the first members of the Playground Committee. During the winter, the Playground Committee will remove the two horses from the Tot Lot at the end of the Village Green. These pieces are in need of routine maintenance, and we will do that at a time when we feel they will not be as heavily used.

Report accepted

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Varley for Paul Thompson

As of September 27, 1993 there are 398 eligible voters. The Committee conducted the referendum for the election of Trustee. Two hundred and forty-two ballots were received with 188 approvals and 54 disapprovals. Marianne B. Cinaglia was declared elected as Trustee. During that process the committee was questioned about their decision to send ballots to people who do not spend the entire year in Arden. The Committee met and the following is an excerpt of their response to the query.

"The questions you raised were discussed at the August 10, 1993 meeting of the Registration Committee. The Act to Reincorporate gives the Registration Committee a great deal of leeway in determining specific procedures in Section 9(c) "...shall supervise all referenda... shall fix rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provision of this act, for the proper and orderly conduct of thereof." The committee feels that their attempts to change some procedures were well within the limits of the Act. We hope the following will clarify our position to you.

1. Definition of Resident The previous Registration Committee (those holding office March 1992-1993) decided to hold a very narrow interpretation of the phrase "six consecutive months preceding each referendum" and felt this meant that the physical presence in the town was the intention of the Act to Reincorporate the Village of Arden. As you well know, the committees change from year to year. The majority of the Registration Committee elected at the March 1993 town meeting did not agree with the previous interpretation. At the August 10th meeting the Registration Committee reaffirmed their decision of July 6, 1993, which held a wider interpretation than that of the previous Registration Committee ... the majority of the committee felt that using the guidelines of the commonly accepted "legal residence" was acceptable practice for the purpose of Arden referenda and elections."

The Advisory Committee has asked the Registration Committee to define "resident" and we are in the process of attempting to do that. Any suggestions are always welcome and will be considered. The next election will be the Budget Referendum and the election of the Board of Assessors. As always, you are welcome to come and observe the election proceedings, the tentative date is Wednesday November 10, at 7:30 PM at the Buzz Ware Village Center. The confirmed date will be on the ballots when they are mailed. Our next meeting is Sunday October 3 1993 at 12:00 PM at the BWVC, the purpose of that meeting is to make any corrections and additions to the voter rolls prior to the next referendum.

Report accepted

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: Tim Colgan

Traffic Light

The anticipated actual cost of the installed light is \$35,100. As you may recall, the original estimate by DelDot was \$48,000. The reason for the lower cost is due to DelDot only installing two support posts, not three as originally planned. Remember, Arden is responsible for 20% of construction costs or \$7,020 - \$6,000 of this figure will come from the Bond Bill Fund, thus, Arden's financial obligation should be approximately \$1,000, not \$3,800 as budgeted. The later figure was based on an estimated construction cost of \$48,000. However, the final bill has not been received yet and these figures may change.

The pedestrian actuated signal is still to be erected, a date for the construction has not yet been set, but DelDot has told me it would be soon.

A word above our new light. It is a "duly erected signal" and thus, you must wait until the light is green to proceed, except when making a right turn on red.

A motion was proposed to erect a stop sign at the Highway and Orleans, Tim will check with the Highway Department and report at next Town meeting.

Report accepted

A motion was presented to extend Ordinance # 12 - "Closing woodlands from dusk to dawn" for another year was passed.

Old business: Lew Aumack asked for information from Community Planning regarding new developments in new building that might be occurring in the Brandywine Hundred area.

Carl Falco asked about the status of the sewer line proposed to go through the Arden woods, Marge Mabrey of Community Planning will report on this at next Town meeting.

Adjournment: 11:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Irene O'Connor
Town Assembly Secretary for
the Village of Arden

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THESE ARE COPIES OF THE LETTERS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
ATTACHED TO THE JUNE TOWN MINUTES.

June 28, 1993

Dear Neighbors:

We urge you to take the time now to fill in the enclosed ballot approving the selection of MARIANNE B. CINAGLIA as a Trustee of Arden, replacing the late greatly missed Joan Colgan.

Marianne is a dedicated twenty-one year resident of Arden who has amply demonstrated her outstanding ability and commitment to both the Village and the larger community by her enthusiastic involvement in a multitude of activities. She is a science educator who has been deeply involved not only with her own students, but as chairperson of the National Education Association's "State Instruction and Personal Development Committee". Her papers, presentations and continuing education were all previously dedicated to improving the quality of education both in Delaware and the nation. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctorate in "Urban Affairs and Public Policy" at the University of Delaware.

Her activities in Arden are well-known to anyone who has had the pleasure of working with her on the Playground, Audit, and Budget committees, as well as on other community activities. For the last five years she has served as chairperson of the Advisory Committee, working closely with Bill Press in his capacity as Town Assembly Chairperson, to ensure that the business of the Village proceeds in an orderly and efficient manner. Her handling of this complex assignment is a model for all future incumbents.

Her work with the Arden Club as Secretary, Board member, Swim Gild Board member, as well as her tireless efforts in many of the children's activities, has also been a valuable contribution to Village life.

We have every confidence that we, as well as all members of the community, will work well with Marianne, and that she will faithfully serve our Village.

Very truly yours,
Trustees of Arden


Shaul Gladstone


Gail Rinehart

SG/kmb

cc: Mr. William Press
Chairperson, Town Assembly
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June 28, 1993

Mr. Paul Thompson
Chairperson, Registration Committee
2315 Woodland Lane
Arden, DE 19810

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Please be advised that the Trustees, in accordance with the Deed of Trust, are supplying as Trustee-Designate to succeed Joan Colgan the following:

MARIANNE B. CINAGLIA.

We respectfully request that you initiate the Registration Committee referendum mechanism to attempt to obtain approval of the residents, and that you affix a copy of the attached letter of qualifications to the ballots when they are distributed.

Very truly yours,
Trustees of Arden


Shaul Gladstone


Gail Rinehart

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cc: Mr. William Press
Chairperson, Town Assembly
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